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# $5K fine for puppy kicker

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## Former CEO sentenced for abuse caught on tape in 2014

A high-profile former CEO caught on surveillance video abusing a dog in a downtown Vancouver elevator has been banned from owning or having custody of animals for three years and ordered to pay a $5,000 fine.

Desmond Hague, who was the president and CEO of Centerplate, one of North America's largest catering companies, pleaded guilty in February to one count of causing an animal to be in distress.

The 47-year-old made international headlines last July when a video surfaced showing him kicking and yanking on the leash of a friend's Doberman pinscher puppy in a hotel elevator.

In her sentencing, Judge Frances Howard said it was clear to her the incident was a "momentary lapse of judgment" for Hague. With the widespread media attention and public shaming brought about by the video, Howard said the incident had already caused Hague "enormous collateral consequences."

Defence lawyer Leonard Doust said the incident was "completely out of character" for his client. He said the dog wasn't comfortably leash-trained and bolted while Hague was walking it, causing injury to his hand.

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# Slackliner takes flak for daring Siwash Rock stunt

STANLEY PARK

## Board weighs legal options after photos surface online

Matt Kieltyka
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**Slackliner Spencer Seabrook walks across a line anchored to Stanley Park's Siwash Rock on Tuesday.** COURTESY BILL HAWLEY

A daring slackline walk to Stanley Park's iconic Siwash Rock on Tuesday evening tempted more than just fate, according to the Vancouver Park Board.

General manager Malcolm Bromley said he's contacted police as the board weighs possible legal options after stunning photos of the stunt surfaced online.

"This is unacceptable," Bromley told Metro. "This crosses a couple of lines that concern me. It's endangering individuals, it's against our bylaws and it's hugely disrespectful of First Nations. This would have never been permitted had we known about it."

Siwash Rock is a famous — and off-limits — rock outcropping along Stanley Park's seawall that carries sacred cultural significance to local First Nations, Bromley said.

In photos posted online, a man can be seen walking high above the seawall on a rope anchored to the rock during sunset.

That man, Spencer Seabrook, told Metro every precaution was taken to ensure people's safety and to prevent any damage.

"We made sure we didn't do any damage to the landmark at all and did it in a respectful way," said Seabrook, a 26-year-old resident who has slacklined throughout the world. "We're professionals."

> **We made sure we didn't do any damage to the landmark at all and did it in a respectful way.**
> Slackliner Spencer Seabrook

Seabrook says he'd been scouting the location for several weeks and was aware trespassing on the rock is not permitted for safety reasons.

Originally from Ontario, Seabrook has also slacklined the Squamish Chief at Yosemite National Park in the U.S., and has participated in an urban slackline competition in Poland.

He promotes responsible slacklining through his website, SlacklifeBC.com.

"We're always looking for new people and help train them to do it safely," said Seabrook. "We're keen to keep growing the community."

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

## Fan zone gets the go-ahead

Vancouver is hoping to reignite the Olympic spirit when it hosts the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015 in June.

City council voted unanimously Wednesday to spend $1.2 million to set up a downtown fan zone during the month-long tournament. It will be located at Larwill Park, the exact same site as the Olympic city in 2010.

Security for the fenced-off area won't be as strict as it was during the Winter Games in an attempt to avoid long line-ups, according to a cultural services presentation to city council.

The all-ages, free fan zone will include a tent that fits 1,000 people with a stage and screen, a VIP tent, and tents for a variety of sponsors. It's not supposed to be a party zone, but instead a place for community viewing.

The city also plans to set up a pride house on the site. Pride houses, spaces for LGBTQ athletes and supporters, were created for the Vancouver Olympics and proved a big hit among the larger community.

The fan zone will be open for 12 days during the competition (since it costs more than $668,000 to set up and take down, the infrastructure will be there the entire time). Doors will open around noon and close about an hour after the last game is played.

The tournament runs from June 6 to July 5. Events to kick off the festivities begin later this month.

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# Feathers ready to fly in Vancouver bird election

WILDLIFE

## Contest aims to show value animals have to ecosystem

**Emily Jackson**
Metro | Vancouver

The contest is on for the most popular elected official in Vancouver — and the winner is sure to be chirpier than most politicians.

Vancouver's park board unveiled the four-winged candidates vying to be crowned winner in the city's second annual city bird election, a contest that aims to raise awareness about the importance of birds in an urban ecosystem.

Voters will choose between the western grebe, the barn swallow, the peregrine falcon and the barn owl — rare birds that were once abundant in B.C. before habitat losses caused population declines.

While it may seem silly to host an election for birds — each has its own Twitter account manned by city communications staff — last year's contest generated an overwhelming amount of attention.

This is a bit of an unfair comparison, since people are encouraged to vote as many times as they like in the bird election, but it attracted nearly four times as many votes (708,000) than the city's 2014 municipal election (181,707). The black-capped chickadee won with more than 277,000 votes compared to Mayor Gregor Robertson's re-election tally of 83,539 votes.

Park board chairman John Coupar said the contest is a great way for people to learn about birds and dismissed criticism that it's a waste of tax dollars.

"This is about public engagement. It doesn't take a whole lot of time to tweet about bird week," Coupar said.

The competition coincides with bird week, which ends on May 9. To learn more about the birds and the contest, visit vancouver.ca/citybird.

**Jen Picker of the Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society, and Alba the four-year-old barn owl, at the VanDusen Botanical Garden on Wednesday.** EMILY JACKSON/METRO

## Meet the candidates

**Western grebe:** Only a handful of these birds remain in the city, according to biologist Robyn Worcester.

**Barn swallow:** This bird used to be common in the region, but its population has declined 91 per cent in 40 years, Worcester said.

**Peregrine falcon**: "This is the bird equivalent of a stealth bomber," Worcester said. It can reach speed of up to 320 km/h.

**Barn owl:** These owls call the city's south near the Fraser River home. They have a silent wing beat so their prey can't see them coming.

**An oil-covered duck rescued at a Vancouver beach.**
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ENGLISH BAY

## No more oily birds: Park board

One week after the toxic fuel spill in English Bay, wildlife services have stopped getting reports of newly oiled birds, Vancouver park board biologist Nick Page said Wednesday.

"It seems to me the peak of calls about wildlife affected has passed," Page said.

The focus has shifted to helping the oiled birds authorities are already aware of and monitoring how the spill might affect the overall ecosystem.

The three birds that remain in care at the wildlife rescue centre at the HMCS Discovery base on Deadman's Island are doing "very well," he said. They are gaining weight — the two buffleheads eat fish while the wigeon prefers lettuce — and have a good prognosis to be released back into the wild.

Wildlife workers are planning to trap and treat about 10 birds affected by oil at Vanier Park and Jericho Beach.

Page is pleased the birds seem to be doing well, especially after the badly oiled sea duck he found near the pool at Second Beach had to be euthanized.

Park board staff will monitor the shoreline around Stanley Park over the long term due to concerns about bunker oil getting higher up in the food chain.

Since the slick settled in the intertidal zone where mussels and clams live, it's possible it could bioaccumulate and transfer over time to predators such as crabs and eagles, Page said.

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POLITICS

# Premier, NDP spar over vexed land sale

An unapologetic Premier Christy Clark traded blows with NDP leader John Horgan during a testy question period in Victoria Wednesday.

The political rivals sparred over the B.C. government's controversial $85 million sale of 14 parcels of land on Burke Mountain in Coquitlam. The NDP says the land was sold for $43 million below its appraised value and rushed just so it would be reflected in the 2013/14 budget.

"We had a private evaluation paid for by the taxpayers of British Columbia, a professional who knows his business, who told the people of B.C. ... they had assets worth $128 million. And in their haste to balance the budget, the Premier and her ministers sold it for 33 per cent less than it was worth," said Horgan. "What were you thinking?"

As she did during much of the 2013 election campaign, Clark wasted no time taking shots at the NDP's record in office up to 2001.

"We will not take lessons from the New Democrats in how to manage the economy," she said at one point.

"We certainly believe that we got the best value for that land," said Clark. "We've more importantly ... freed up land in a really important part of the province, a really important part of the Lower Mainland, for economic growth."

The government will continue to sell surplus assets if they can be put to economic use, the Premier said.

"We will sell them, put them to use, create jobs, create economic activity," Clark said.

> **We will not take lessons from the New Democrats in how to manage the economy.**
> Premier Christy Clark

"That's what we were elected to do, and that's what we're going to keep doing."

The land was sold to Wesbild Holdings Ltd., whose chairman, Hassan Khosrowshahi, is a Liberal donor.

In a statement released by Wesbild on Wednesday, the company says it purchased the 370 acres of land "via a competitive and public tender process administered by Colliers International."

"We paid fair market value and fully stand by the integrity of this transaction," the statement reads. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

**Premier Clark was unapologetic Wednesday about the sale of land on Burke Mountain.** JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**A SkyTrain is pictured in downtown Vancouver. An unprecedented plebiscite is asking Metro Vancouver residents if they are willing to foot the bill for a mega public transportation overhaul.** JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Referendum: 15% have cast ballots

TRANSIT PLEBISCITE

## Vancouver has highest voter turnout so far

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Elections BC reports that approximately 15 per cent of registered voters have cast their ballot on the transit plebiscite so far.

The provincial office has been releasing interim ballot package returns weekly since the start of April.

Wednesday marked the first time ballots from all of the region's municipalities have been represented in the tally.

Overall, Elections BC has received 235,354 by mail, representing 15.1 per cent of registered voters.

Vancouver has the highest voter turnout to date, 23.4 per cent, although the voting period doesn't end until May 29.

After a heavy initial push for a "Yes" vote featuring extensive advertising, town halls, canvassing and campaigning, Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore told Metro the mayors have shifted tact in recent weeks.

"Now that all the educational material is out there we've been meeting with different groups on a more direct basis," said Moore, who said the campaign has already used up a majority of its multi-million dollar budget.

**23.4%**

**23.4 per cent of Vancouver's registered voters have cast ballots, but the voting period doesn't end until May 29.**

Moore said he anticipated a voter turnout between 50 and 60 per cent by the end of voting, but said there's no way to really predict the final numbers as Elections BC releases updated numbers each week.

'No' campaigner Jordan Bateman, of the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation, said ballots have been sent out in phases and doesn't expect to see a true representation of voter turnout until much later in to the voting period.

Both hope that supporters who have already voted now speak to family and friends about doing the same.

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# Lila Downs is back in town

BACKSTAGE PASS

## Singer brings Mexican fusion to Vancouver

**Graeme McRanor**
Metro | Vancouver

You know you've made it when the powers that be name a species of grasshopper after you. Particularly when those powers are from Oaxaca, Mexico.

Those jumpy — and reportedly tasty — little critters play an important role in that region's culture and cuisine. It's also where American-born Lila Downs grew up, at least when she wasn't in Minnesota.

The colourful Liladownsia fraile — discovered near a mountain road near Oaxaca City — was named in recognition of the singer's efforts to preserve indigenous culture. It's also a nod to her vivid stage attire.

It's not the only recognition the Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter (with band, La Misteriosa) has received: her music's radiant, too. And she's bringing it to the Chan Centre on Sunday, April 26.

"Watching Lila Downs is a feast for the senses — from her unique fusion of traditional Mexican folk, rock, blues and jazz, to the band's luscious sounds, coupled with her vibrant costumes and theatricality," says Chan Centre co-managing director, Joyce Hinton. "More than just entertainment, however, her performances are rooted in earthy and meaningful traditions. As she playfully weaves in elements from a variety of genres, you can hear the voices of generations speaking through her music, resulting in a very powerful and profound sound."

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COURT OF APPEAL

# First Nations can sue without title to land

B.C.'s highest court has ruled that First Nations can launch lawsuits to protect their territory from private parties even if they haven't proven aboriginal title.

The Court of Appeal has overturned a lower court judgment that denied a lawsuit seeking damages for breached property rights on the basis that aboriginals had to first establish their title.

The decision centres around two northwestern B.C. First Nations based downstream of the Kenney hydroelectric dam, operated by Rio Tinto Alcan since the 1950s. The Saik'uz (sigh-CUZ') and Stellat'en (stul-ah-tin) First Nations argue the dam causes nuisance and breaches their rights to the natural waterway that runs through their land.

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AVIAN INFLUENZA

# H5 virus could linger in North America

The H5 bird flu viruses crossing North America may be around for a while, avian influenza experts warn.

The coming nesting season, which will see wild birds converge on breeding grounds in Northern Canada and Alaska, could further spread the virus in wild bird populations, and produce a new wave of outbreaks in poultry operations when the birds fly south in the fall, they suggested Wednesday.

It's not completely clear what route the highly pathogenic H5 viruses took to get to North America, though the suspicion is that infected wild birds brought this family of Asian bird flu viruses to North America, perhaps through northern Russia and Alaska.

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**Actors in civil war costumes recreate the overnight vigil for President Lincoln in front of the Ford's Theatre, April 14 in Washington, D.C. Thursday marks the 150th anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.** GETTY IMAGES

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# Plot to kill Lincoln had Canada link

HISTORY

## Assassin may have planned details during Montreal trip

The assassination of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln is an undisputed cornerstone of American history, but those who have studied the event suggest both the origin and ending of that seminal moment have ties to Canada.

Some historians suspect the groundwork for a plot to kill the U.S. Civil War president was partially laid in a Canadian city that had become a haven for his political foes.

When a simplified version of that plot succeeded 150 years ago in April 1865, they say it was a Canadian who ultimately led the effort that brought down Lincoln's assassin.

Historian John Boyko researched Canada's direct contribution to the 19th-century conflict in his book Blood and Daring: How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation.

He said John Wilkes Booth, the American stage actor whose fame shifted to infamy after killing the president, had long been conspiring to bring down the anti-slavery, union government.

Boyko said Booth's plans almost certainly came under discussion when the actor made a nine-day visit to Montreal in October 1864.

"What Booth was trying to do was put together a team of people that could arrange the kidnapping, later the assassination, of Lincoln," Boyko said in a telephone interview from Lakefield, Ont.

"It was very difficult to do in Washington because there were so many spies for the government. But if you go to where other Confederate spies are, then you know that you don't necessarily have to watch your back like you were in the United States ... The best place to do that was Montreal." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Non-Surgical Scar Removal

# Canada-India ties now stronger: Modi

POLITICS

## Countries signed series of bilateral agreements

The relationship between India and Canada is now back on track, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Wednesday after signing a number of bilateral agreements, including a deal to buy Canadian uranium to fuel his country's power reactors.

Modi and Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed Wednesday the deal is just a first step towards deepening economic ties, and that the relationship between the two countries hasn't yet lived up to its potential.

"Canada is a major Asia-Pacific power and should play a more active role, including in regional institutions," Modi said. Harper agreed: "It's not where we want it to be, but it is growing."

Under the nuclear deal, India will buy more than 3,000 tonnes of Saskatchewan uranium.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who was on hand for the announcement, said the deal, estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars, would be a boon for his province.

"For an employer of 4,000 people in the province — 45 per cent of them First Nations and Métis — it's a great day for Saskatchewan."

The contract with Cameco Corp. is one of a number of agreements that were announced Wednesday. The deals include pledges to co-operate in the areas of civil aviation, railway transportation and education and skills development, as well as space, social security and maternal, newborn and child health.

It is the first bilateral visit to Canada by an Indian prime minister since Indira Gandhi was hosted in 1973 by then-prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

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**Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper walk in the Hall of Honour on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. It is the first bilateral visit to Canada by an Indian PM since 1973.** ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SAGUENAY, QUE.

## No prayers at council meetings: SCOC

In a decision that had an immediate impact in several cities and towns across the country, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Wednesday that prayers cannot be recited before municipal council meetings in Saguenay, Que.

The reading of a Catholic prayer at council meetings infringes on freedom of conscience and religion, the court said in a unanimous ruling.

Society has evolved and given rise to a "concept of neutrality according to which the state must not interfere in religion and beliefs," the judgment said. The ruling ended an eight-year legal battle that pitted atheist Alain Simoneau and a secular-rights organization against Saguenay Mayor Jean Tremblay.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson suspended prayers at a city council meeting Wednesday pending a review of the decision, while the mayor of Levis, Que., said he'll do the same. Several other Ontario cities say they'll do away with the Lord's Prayer, but the mayors of Winnipeg and Oshawa, Ont., told reporters they would not immediately put an end to the practice. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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# Feared drowning of 400 raises alarms

SHIPWRECK

## Mediterranean most deadly sea route used by migrants

**Migrants arrive at Palermo's harbour, in Italy, after being rescued at sea, Wednesday.** ALESSANDRO FUCARINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The feared drowning of 400 migrants in a shipwreck this week in the Mediterranean Sea — one of the deadliest such tragedies in the last decade — raised alarms Wednesday amid an unprecedented wave of migration toward Europe from Africa and the Middle East.

The UN refugee agency expressed shock at the scale of the deaths in Monday's capsizing and renewed calls on European governments to redouble search and rescue efforts, while the International Organization for Migration maintained that the situation had reached "crisis proportions."

The Mediterranean "has emerged as the most dangerous" of four major sea routes used by the world's refugees and migrants, taken by 219,000 people last year, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said.

The Italian Coast Guard rescued some 140 people off the coast of Libya on Monday and recovered nine bodies, but could see immediately from the size of the capsized smuggler's boat that there had likely been hundreds more on board.

The rescue was made during a five-day surge that saw Italian ships save nearly 10,000 people at sea since Friday — an unprecedented rate in such a short period, according to Cmdr. Filippo Marini, a Coast Guard spokesman.

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

# U.S., Cuba to hold talks on fugitives

The U.S. and Cuba will open talks about two of America's most-wanted fugitives as part of a new dialogue about law-enforcement co-operation made possible by President Barack Obama's decision to remove Cuba from a list of state sponsors of terror, the State Department announced Wednesday.

Cuban officials and citizens hailed Obama's action to remove the island from the list, saying it heals a decades-old insult to national pride and clears the way to restore diplomatic relations.

State Department spokesman Jeff Rathke said Cuba had agreed to talks about fugitives including Joanne Chesimard, a.k.a. Assata Shakur, who was granted asylum by Fidel Castro after she escaped from a U.S. prison where she was serving a sentence for killing a New Jersey state trooper in 1973. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

# Turkey lashes out at Pope Francis, EU

Turkey was on the defensive Wednesday, lashing out at both Pope Francis and the European Union's legislature for their descriptions of the Ottoman-era killing of Armenians as genocide.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the pope joined "an evil front" plotting against Turkey by saying the killings of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians as "the first genocide of the 20th century." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Pope Francis** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**Video shows officer ram suspect with cruiser**

A dramatic dash-cam video that shows a police officer ramming his cruiser into a rifle-toting robbery suspect attracted attention across the U.S. on Wednesday.

Adding to a growing stream of images that raises hard questions about police use of force, the video released Tuesday shows the suspect being hit from behind and cartwheeling through the air as the cruiser slams into a wall.

The intentional, high-speed crash clearly shocked a fellow officer, who had just warned other police to stay back because the rifle was "definitely loaded."

Prosecutors cleared Officer Michael Rapiejko of any wrongdoing in the ramming of the suspect, who survived the Feb. 19 crash.

Mario Valencia, 36, apparently escaped major injuries and now faces several felony charges, including assault on an officer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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# Rights of nonbelievers count, too

POLITICS

Chantal Hébert

Under the guise of a ruling on the place of the prayer at Saguenay's City Hall, the Supreme Court of Canada has put a mirror up to the face of all Canadian legislators.

The onus for maintaining a secular public space is on them and not on the individuals who toil in the public service and/or who interact with their administrations.

Moreover, neither the preservation of a historical religious heritage nor the notion that a given faith is that of the majority should override the principle of a neutral state.

On that basis, the crucifix is more likely to eventually come down from the walls of institutions such as the Quebec national assembly than kippas, turbans and religious veils such as the hijab are to be banned from Canada's federal, provincial or municipal workplaces.

There is also little in the subtext of the ruling to sustain the federal case for a ban on the face-covering niqab from federal citizenship oath ceremonies.

Wednesday's judgment dealt specifically with the practice of Saguenay's municipal council to open its public meetings with a prayer. The court found that it infringed on the fundamental rights of nonbelievers.

**BACKGROUND**

**The prayer**

"God, eternal and almighty, who has all power and wisdom, we are assembled in your presence to ensure the welfare and prosperity of our city. Grant us, we beseech you, light and energy to our deliberations to promote the honour and glory of your holy name and the spiritual and material happiness of our city. So be it."

The immediate consequence of that finding is to force Mayor Jean Tremblay — a devout Catholic who had cast this battle as nothing less than a religious crusade — to abandon the practice.

The same goes for the dozens of municipal councils across Canada that begin their deliberations with a prayer of some sort.

According to the Court, it is not because the text of a prayer is non-denominational that it is non-discriminatory or that it respects the principle of the neutrality of the state.

The recitation of a prayer remains a fundamentally religious act, a fact about which the court had this to say: "... the state may not, by expressing its own religious preference, promote the participation of believers to the exclusion of nonbelievers or vice-versa. (...) A neutral public space free from coercion, pressure and judgment on the part of public authorities in matters of spirituality is intended to protect every person's freedom and dignity, and it helps preserve and promote the multicultural nature of Canadian society.

(As an aside, the House of Commons prayer whose text is identical to the latest version used in Saguenay may be protected by parliamentary privilege.)

## The recitation of a prayer remains a fundamentally religious act

This is just the latest chapter in an increasingly heated national debate over the balance between religious freedom and the secular character of Canada's public institutions. In its unanimous ruling, the top court drops more than a few hints as to how it sees the way forward.

Although it refrains from pronouncing on the place of religious symbols on the walls of public institutions, the judgment suggests that their presence — if challenged — is unlikely to be saved by the argument that they reflect a historical or cultural heritage.

That's the rationale most commonly used to defend the crucifix that hangs on the wall of the national assembly.

But perhaps the part of the judgment that will be read most carefully by justice officials and their political masters is the section that spells out that a neutral public space is not one that obliterates religious diversity.

In paragraph 74 of the judgment, and almost as an aside to its core narrative, Justice Clément Gascon writes: "I note that a neutral public space does not mean the homogenization of private players in that space. Neutrality is required of institutions and the state, not individuals."

He adds for good measure: "... a secular state does not — and cannot — interfere with the beliefs or practices of a religious group unless they conflict with or harm overriding public interests."

That amounts to a red light flashing in the face of any government contemplating — as Quebec recently did — the imposition of a secular dress code on its public sector employees.

It also suggests that the federal government, should it want the court to give its ban on face-covering niqabs at citizenship oath ceremonies a green light, may have to come up with a pretty compelling demonstration of the "overriding public interest" served by such a measure.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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## "Pity the poor science deniers. They're missing all the fun"

A Russian doctor has found a willing patient for his controversial and experimental head-transplant procedure.

A NASA scientist thinks we're only 25 years away from evidence of alien life, whatever that might be.

And that's only last week's news cycle.

We are living in an unparalleled age of science, and we're lucky to be here. It may have taken 3.3 million years since the first tools were made, according to a new finding out of Kenya, but it feels like science today is moving at warp-speed, and we get to witness all the incredible discoveries.

Nearly 20 million people follow the latest news on Elise Andrew's I F—ing Love Science Facebook page, and she herself is a minor celebrity.

Another famous science evangelist, the astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, has a new late night celebrity talk show, part of his mission "to reach people who didn't know they like science. Or people who knew they did not like science," as he told Metro's Dean Lisk recently.

Amid science's rising popularity, there is rising skepticism. Tyson has butted heads with creationists and climate change nonbelievers on social media, fighting "the rise of anti-science sentiment and the rise of science deniers," a group I feel sorry for, because of the fun they're missing.

And of course, science isn't perfect. Government controls and corporations can influence the outcomes of studies. Researchers can be bullied for controversial beliefs, and there is still no equality of race or gender.

Science also gets a bad rap for not making up its mind. Competing studies confuse us about whether wine is good for us, or running or chocolate or even weed. But its messiness is part of what Andrew loves.

"In science, every question answered leads to 10 more. I love that science can never ever be finished," she said in a 2013 interview.

I love that researchers working on male baldness recently found that skin cells can communicate with each other — through a study on plucking hairs. Science answers questions we didn't even know to ask.

But maybe the best thing about science is how much awe it offers up — images of luminous galaxies or a new ghostly species of fish from the deep sea, bones from prehistoric time or stem cells that grow into human limbs.

According to a recent study out the University of California, that feeling of awe is good for your health, in case you needed another reason to be grateful for this age of science.

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# 5 DRESSES TO RIVAL THOSE WORN BY SCARLETT O'HARA

A dress worn by Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara in 1939's Gone With the Wind is expected to fetch more than $100,000 at auction April 18. We asked five experts to tell us what dress from a film from the past 15 years they think will still be a major draw at the end of the 21st century

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## CECILIA TALLIS IN ATONEMENT KEIRA KNIGHTLEY

"You could fit everything I know about dresses into a tiny garment bag, but if I had to choose a future classic gown it would be the green satin halter dress Keira Knightley wore in Atonement. Knightley can wear clothes — she always looks great — but the sleek design and elegant long train make the dress memorable and majestic."
**Richard Crouse, Metro's movie columnist**

"Every woman wants to wear a dress like that."
**Vanessa Driveness, costume designer for television and film**

## THE OSCAR STUMBLE JENNIFER LAWRENCE

"I think modern moviegoers have become more enamoured with what stars wear off-screen rather than on, so I wouldn't be surprised if, say, Jennifer Lawrence's beautiful but stumble-prompting Oscars gown will be better remembered than anything she wore in the Hunger Games films."
**Ned Ehrbar, Metro's Hollywood correspondent**

## MALEFICENT ANGELINA JOLIE

"Disney's female villains have great style. Angelina Jolie's Maleficent is no exception. Maleficent's dark and dramatic high-collared gown with its matching cape and horns exudes power, and even instils fear. It's the look of someone who can hold her own, and reflects the way modern women dress. It's less about conforming, and more about empowerment."
**Sabrina Maddeaux, fashion and design writer at NOW Magazine**

## MINERVA MCGONAGALL IN HARRY POTTER MAGGIE SMITH

## MARIE ANTOINETTE KIRSTEN DUNST

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**Alexandra Palmer, senior textiles and costume curator, Royal Ontario Museum**

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# The fast lives of female celebs

POETRY

## Actress Amber Tamblyn's poetry explores six short lives

Actress Amber Tamblyn writes about dead Hollywood actresses in her new book of poems. But Dark Sparkler is more than that.

"The book is about the lives and deaths of celebrity women in a certain way, but it's also about voyeurism, it's also about projection, it's also (about) ... what it's like to be an object for a living," Tamblyn, 31, said in a recent interview.

Each poem is about a celebrity who died before the age of 40, including Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield and Rebecca Shaeffer.

Tamblyn focused on women because "I understood the lives of these women more personally and in a deeper way."

Dark Sparkler is the third book of poetry by Tamblyn, who starred in The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants films with Blake Lively, Alexis Bledel and America Ferrera.

**Amber Tamblyn says Dark Sparkler is partially about "what it's like to be an object for a living."** GETTY IMAGES/FILE

**What impact did writing this book have on you?**
Studying your dead peers will get to you. Plain and simple.

Reading autopsy report after autopsy report and listening to interviews.... It's hard not to get obsessed and absorbed into that into the point where you start to lose your mind a little bit.

**Why did you focus on this dark topic?**
If anything, I wanted other young women to see how much (of) our interior pains are the same and at the end of the day what you feel is what I feel and it's very similar, but often times actors don't really get to express that in a true manner because of the way in which we are promoted or the way we promote ourselves.

**Do you think your next poetry will be lighter?**
I actually have started working on my next book which will be a collection of love poems.

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### EMPTINESS

**On why she has a blank page with Lindsay Lohan**
"I think that she is sort of categorically one of the largest pop objects we have that we talk (about) and we project our own fears onto and project our own beliefs and judgments onto her and her life. It was my way of putting a blank page both for the media and people who have treated her in that way, but also it's a page ... where I get to say, 'You know, I'm not gonna write this poem for you. I'm not gonna put you in the category where everyone else puts you.'"

FICTION

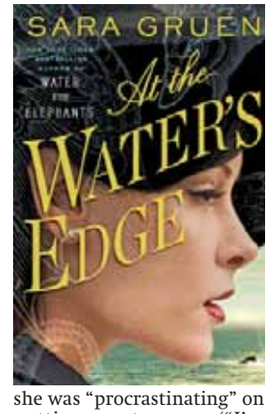
# Writer goes down the 'Nessie rabbit hole' with latest book

Renowned Canadian author Sara Gruen says it was the Loch Ness monster that led her to her latest story, At the Water's Edge.

In the new book, the Vancouver native — whose hit novel Water for Elephants became a 2011 film starring Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson — writes of a privileged American trio on the hunt for the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland during the Second World War.

Gruen says she first became interested in Nessie when she visited the Scottish Highlands at age 12.

"Of course at 12, I was sure I was going to see the monster, so I waited and waited and waited — and didn't," she says.




Then about four years ago, she was "procrastinating" on putting pen to paper ("I'm very, very good at writing-avoidance," she says with a laugh) and found an online article about government secrecy surrounding the lake creature of Scottish folklore.

"There was an exhibit in, I think, Edinburgh of declassified documents," she says.

At the Water's Edge centres on young Philadelphia socialite Madeline (Maddie) Hyde, her husband Ellis and their friend Hank.

They take a dangerous ship trek to Scotland after a posh New Year's Eve bash.

Years prior, Ellis's Army Colonel dad tried to prove Nessie existed, but the adventure resulted in public embarrassment for him.

Ellis hopes his journey will earn him more respect from his dad, who has always judged his son for not being able to enlist in the army due to being colour blind.

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BABY BABBLE

## ScarJo mum on how to be a mom

New mom Scarlett Johansson is not here to give you parenting advice, and she doesn't think any other famous moms should, either.

"I'm such a newbie at this. I always really hate it when actors or people in the spotlight make giant grandiose statements about parenthood because it's so, so personal," she tells the Australian Daily Telegraph.

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CELEB CASH GRAB?

## Mendes met with criticism over contest

A Shawn Mendes marketing campaign encouraging young fans to buy every single copy of the teen-pop heartthrob's new album from local stores is eliciting outrage from child advocacy groups.

The 16-year-old Toronto native trumpeted the release of Handwritten with a #HandwrittenBuyouts Twitter contest, urging his fans to purchase every last Mendes CD from store shelves.

On Tuesday he tweeted to his nearly three million followers: "Go to stores today & buy all the album copies! U can find a #GoldenShawnAccessPass & meet me! #HandwrittenBuyouts. One devotee tweeted a photo of herself clutching a colourful wad of Canadian bills with the message: "I guess all my babysitting payed (sic) off! :)"

Multiple child advocacy organizations raised questions about the strategy on Wednesday.

"I think that's really concerning, considering his appeal to younger fans," said Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood associate director Josh Golin, who called the campaign "unethical."

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**Sarah Polley has confirmed reports she is writing a script for an adaptation of Little Women and that she is producing an Alias Grace miniseries.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Polley penning new film script

UPCOMING PROJECTS

### Little Women latest project for director

Actress-director Sarah Polley has confirmed reports that she's working on a new big-screen adaptation of Little Women.

"I'm writing Little Women and I'm writing my own film as well," Polley said.

"And then I'm producing Alias Grace as a miniseries, which I've been writing for a long time, and it's now written in six, one-hours and hopefully will go into production either this year or next year," she added, referring to an adaptation of Margaret Atwood's novel.

> **"Writing is something you can do while a baby naps"**
> Sarah Polley

Polley, who got a 2008 Oscar nomination for best adapted screenplay for Away From Her, said she's "always writing."

"Writing is something you can do while a baby naps, so it's perfect," added the mother of two.

"But the idea of going back out into the world and making my own stuff, it's not immediate. My youngest is still seven months, so I'm not jumping back on a film set right away. But it's something that I'm excited to do."

On Tuesday, Polley helped announce the winner of this year's $100,000 Glenn Gould Prize.

She and an esteemed international jury panel picked American composer Philip Glass as the 2015 recipient of the biennial prize, which honours living laureates from a variety of creative disciplines for their body of work.

Polley called the three-time Oscar nominee's work "visionary."

"I think he pushed something that was very avant-garde and on the fringes into the mainstream," she said. "I think he, as a result, opened people's minds musically."

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STRIPPED DOWN

## Leaking nude pics just his style

Be careful what secrets you tell your friends. That's the lesson One Direction member Harry Styles is learning after pal Ed Sheeran gave a candid interview in which he revealed that Styles leaked his own nude photo back in 2012, despite the fact that Styles denied it at the time. "Did you know that Harry leaked that picture himself? He leaked his own picture. I think that's amazing," Sheeran said. NED EHRBAR/ METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

LEGAL RIGHTS

## Cornell wades into Dog ownership fight

Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell says the co-founder of a famed Seattle recording studio has no claim to own the master tapes of Temple of the Dog, which Cornell recorded with Eddie Vedder and other members of Pearl Jam in 1990.

A&M records sued Raj Parashar, who founded London Bridge Studios with his brother, in March, demanding that Parashar turn over the master tapes. The label says it bought the album in 1991. A&M didn't say in its complaint why it wants the master recordings, but such tapes can be used in re-issuing albums. Next year marks the album's 25th anniversary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Your essential daily news

Pineapples, a symbol of hospitality, are a major decor motif this season

# What they're a$king

OUR CITY

Many singles and first-time buyers start out with a one-bedroom condo, such as these resale suites. Condos near the downtown cater to professionals with the convenience of a maintenance-free lifestyle. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

**$488,000**

## Vancouver

The Rhapsody is a mid-rise community building on 910 8th Ave. in the Fairview Slopes neighbourhood of Vancouver. There is a panoramic view of the city, mountains and water from this private, 797-sq. ft. rooftop apartment with an asking price of $488,000. The building has 40 units on three levels and was built in 1986. The suite was owned by a young couple who have a baby and are moving to a larger space, says listing agent Pam Allen with Re/Max Real Estate Services, 604-790-8464.

**$364,000**

## Toronto

Located at the Minto Quantum building in the midtown neighbourhood of Yonge and Eglinton, this one-bedroom suite can be yours for the asking price of $364,900. The unit has bamboo floors throughout, upgraded granite counters and an ensuite locker. The building offers a full range of amenities. Listing agent is Alex J. Wilson at Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.

**$539,000**

## Halifax

This suite at 1550 Dresden Row is said to reside in one of the nicer downtown buildings. The Martello is near Citadel Hill and features 1,000-sq. ft. The one-bedroom plus den condo has an open concept kitchen-dining-living room with views of Halifax Harbour, with an asking price of $539,000. The listing agent is George Edwards with Royal LePage Atlantic, 902-221-2900.

**$179,000**

## Winnipeg

Here's a contemporary three-storey midrise within walking distance of the University of Manitoba at 1525 Chancellor Dr. The asking price is $179,900. The renovated suite boasts a designer kitchen with stainless-steel appliances, a four-piece bathroom, wood fireplace and a large balcony. Listing agent is Chris Kenny with Re/Max Professionals, 204-899-4858.

**$314,000**

## Calgary

The condos in Westgate Park were built on the previous site of the Westgate Hotel in the community of Spruce Cliff. This suite in the Brava Tower at 55 Spruce Place SW includes a recreation facility and 24-hour concierge. The asking price is $314,900. This unit is just 15 minutes from downtown, says listing agent Ernest Gardy, with Re/Max House of Real Estate, 403-651-3093.

**$214,900**

## Edmonton

Here's a one-bedroom condo that's a five-minute walk from the University of Alberta. The Strathcona House sits atop the river valley at 10883 Saskatchewan Dr. The common areas have been renovated along with the interior of the suite. Listed for $214,900, the unit has 713 sq. ft. of living space and a large balcony. Listing agent Nathan Mol is with Liv Real Estate, 780-722-0086.

**$359,000**

## Ottawa

This bright one-bedroom plus den at 100 Champagne Ave. S., is listed for $359,900. It's a great location for shopping, public transportation and nightlife in the trendy Little Italy neighbourhood. The suite includes parking, a storage locker and a gas hookup for a balcony barbecue. Listing agent is Nick Brunet at Re/Max Affiliates Realty, 613-216-1755.

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# In 2015, it's cool to be a homemaker

DIY HOW-TO

## Homespun projects huge among the hip

**Meghan Poole**
Metro in New York City

These days it's hip to be a homemaker.

Turn to any lifestyle blog or site like Pinterest and you'll find savvy twentysomethings and thirtysomethings whipping up gorgeous recipes and tending to their gardens.

"We're rewriting the rules," explains Brit Morin founder of Brit +Co., an online "destination for the DIY generation."

"Many of our grandmothers didn't have the option to have a career. Then our mothers felt a lot of pressure to invest all of their time and energy in their careers. For our generation, we're lucky to have a choice. It's OK to do both, and many of us want to do both."

For those of us wanting to ace it at work and bake a cake from scratch at home, Morin's new book, Homemakers: A Domestic Handbook for the Digital Generation, helps bridge the gap between plugged-in career girl and domestic diva. She shows us how.

Need inspiration? Look no further than your web browser.

"We have access to an incredible amount of information very quickly — take advantage of that," says Morin. "Just as technology has impacted the way we communicate and the way we buy things, it has also transformed the home."

One project she loves is the wireless charging nightstand.

"I love incorporating technology into the home in a seamless fashion," she says.

Everyone is always busy, but your lack of free time shouldn't scare you away from pursuing creative projects. "Homemaking doesn't have to be about spending all of your time at home. You can add personality into your home with small creative projects," Morin says.

Two time-friendly DIYs she recommends are the etched glass tumblers and the balloon backdrop.

"You wouldn't expect glass etching to be as easy as it is," she says. "Plus, these make the perfect personalized gift."

As for the balloon backdrop, "It's one of my favourite party tricks," says Morin. "Simply blow up a bunch of balloons, string them together using fishing line and hang them up in rows on your wall using painter's tape. Simple as that!"

As much as we rely on technology, Morin believes we need to unplug, too.

"Carve out time each week to completely disconnect and get creative," she says. "At Brit + Co we actually take one day each quarter to learn a new creative skill — we call it Creativity Day. People have learned everything from woodworking to cheese making.

"Modern homemaking is putting your own personal spin on the concept of creating a home and pursuing your interests, and for everyone that's a bit different," Morin says.

Brit Morin runs a website devoted to domestic projects.
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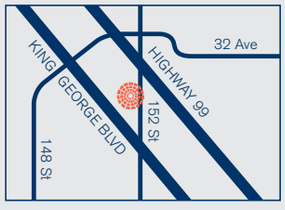


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# Whip that chaotic kitchen into shape

ORGANIZATION

## Experts offer tips for streamlining your space

**These Flytta carts from Ikea can work as a mobile prep surface as well as moving storage.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/IKEA

If you've lived with your kitchen for awhile, chances are you've got drawers full of stuff you rarely use and cupboards you just hate. Wouldn't it be nice to have a well-organized kitchen that makes food preparation a pleasure?

Some of the latest ideas and products for whipping a kitchen into shape:

Kitchens function best when divided into work zones, says Josee Berlin, an interior designer for Ikea USA. She cites three: storage (fridge-freezer-pantry), washing (sink-dishwasher) and cooking (oven-cooktop-microwave).

"Work zones give your kitchen a practical structure. Placing them well is crucial to achieving an ergonomic work triangle, with a natural workflow and everything within reach," Berlin says.

If you're planning a new kitchen, place your oven and stove near sinks and worktops so you aren't walking too far with hot pots and pans, she says. A worktop near pantry cabinets and fridge makes unpacking groceries easy.

If space is tight, consider a stainless-steel cart with lockable wheels for portable storage and extra prep space.

Experts suggest taking an inventory of your kitchen tools, and then outfitting cabinets and drawers so they work for you.

Use adjustable drawer dividers and shelf inserts at different depths.

The drawers in Ikea's new Sektion kitchen system open fully, eliminating that awkward nowheresville at the back of many drawers. A new horizontal hinge design allows for additional slim storage in what was once dead space above the drawer — good for tools, towels and spices (the last of which should be kept in a cool dark space and not on or above the stove).

You don't need a lot of stuff, says Craig Norton, director of operations at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax, N.S.

"Buying a pot and pan for every dish is a mistake. One good large Dutch oven, one sauté pan, one four-quart saucepan, one omelette-crepe pan, one cast-iron pan, and that's it," he advises. He stores lids on the door to free up shelf space.

If you're a baker, consider consolidating those components. "I put all baking ingredients in one bin — flour, sugar, baking soda, etc. — and just haul it out when making something," Norton says. Invest in a slab of cool marble to make pastry rolling easy.

"Gadgets are the biggest waste of space — egg slicers, green bean cutters, all that stuff. Just use a knife," laughs Norton.

House Beautiful's editor in chief, Sophie Donelson, likes OXO's stackable Greensaver containers, which have carbon filters in the lid to reduce spoilage. But her favourite small space storage solutions are from Joseph Joseph.

"Just about everything they make either folds, collapses or nests to save room in the drawer. I wanted to toss all my existing tools and start fresh when I saw these," she says.

Measuring cups, a whisk and nesting utensils are part of the colourful collection. Find the collection at josephjoseph.com.

Hanging rails with "S" shaped hooks provide extra storage without taking up real estate. Sturdy racks can hold pots and pans, plates, utensils, sieves and even a small herb garden. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### FOR ALL TO SEE

**Don't hide your tools**

If your kitchen is a workhorse, don't be afraid to keep things out in plain view. Your food processor, scale, utensils and blender can be right out where you need them. A lazy susan kept right next to the stove with oil, a dish of salt and pepper grinder is also a good idea.

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**Ikea Sektion cabinets utilize every inch of space.** IKEA

HOME IMPROVEMENT

# Fresh decor trends emerge this spring

With the arrival of spring comes the ritual of seasonal cleaning and the urge by many to refresh their interiors, front porches and backyards.

"We've had such a long winter, and everybody's ready for some colour," said Erin McLaughlin, editor-in-chief at Style at Home magazine.

McLaughlin said they're seeing bright splashes of colour, such as a gallery of inexpensive prints in vibrant hues. Yellow is the standout shade for spring and pairs well with grey or black.

"It could be an enamel lampshade; it could be that you're taking an old chandelier and spray-painting it bright, bright yellow," she said. "It's really a hot look right now."

**Bright yellows and patterns are a great way to spruce up your space for spring.** THE CANADIAN PRESS/HOMESENSE

She also suggested teaming a favourite hue with complementary colours, like dark and pale blues paired with a fresh green or yellow accent.

McLaughlin recommended homeowners consider painting the front door in a high-gloss colour and updating hardware with brass accents.

HomeSense spokeswoman Hilary Smyth said florals are showing up on everything, from rugs and artwork to tabletop accessories and cushions.

"The key to florals this season is to go bright and bold and pair them with graphic black-and-white stripes or polka dots."

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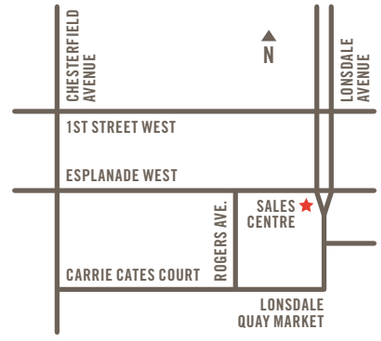


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# Flames find a way to fight back and stun Canucks

NHL PLAYOFFS

## Kris Russell scores in final minute of regulation

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

There is a hashtag circulating on Twitter about the Calgary Flames' ability to come back against opponents. They've been doing it throughout the regular season and did it again against the Vancouver Canucks on Wednesday.

The only difference is, this is now the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The Flames — who have earned the moniker #FindAWayFlames on the popular social networking site — found a way to earn a 2-1 victory over the host Canucks at Rogers Arena to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven first-round series.

Kris Russell's point shot with 29.6 seconds remaining in the third period beat first-time playoff starter Eddie Lack, catching the Canucks exhausted and running around in their end, giving the Flames a stunning come-from-behind win.

David Jones, who played his junior hockey down the road in Coquitlam, got the comeback started early in the period. He snapped a wrist shot over the glove of Lack, getting the Flames on the board seconds after a brutal Yannick Weber giveaway into the middle of the ice.

**Flames centre Matt Stajan celebrates teammate David Jones's goal past during Game 1 of their first-round playoff series at Rogers Arena on Wednesday.** JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ten times during the regular season, the Flames managed to beat their opponents despite trailing after two periods.

Playing in his first Stanley Cup playoff game, rookie Bo Horvat was able to get his backhander from the slot through the legs of goalie Jonas Hiller to give the Canucks the lead.

The 20-year-old centre has made great strides as a rookie with the Canucks, showing an offensive side to his game after focusing on his defensive side early in the campaign.

His line was able to get Vancouver on the board just before the midway point of the second period, sending the local crowd into a frenzy, as the fans stood and waved those famous white towels.

Horvat was denied on his initial attempt to put the puck on net, but he followed that up by sending a backhander off the skate of Calgary defenceman Dennis Wideman and through the legs of goalie Jonas Hiller.

Prior to the Horvat goal, the Canucks had the first three power plays of the evening, but despite some good puck movement and a few decent opportunities, they were unsuccessful.

The Canucks and Flames are back at Rogers Arena for Game 2 of the series on Friday.

GAME 1 Wednesday

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## MORE SCORES

**Canadiens 4, Senators 3**
Brian Flynn's goal was the winner at the end of a wild second period that saw six goals scored and star defenceman P.K. Subban ejected for slashing as Montreal downed Ottawa in the opening game of their NHL playoff series.

The Canadiens take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference series into Game 2 on Friday night.

**Islanders 4, Capitals 1**
Brock Nelson scored twice, Josh Bailey and Ryan Strome added goals, Jaroslav Halak made 24 saves, and the New York Islanders beat Washington in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference playoff series.

Game 2 is Friday night.

**Blackhawks 4, Predators 3**
Duncan Keith scored at 7:49 of double overtime, and Chicago rallied from a three-goal deficit after the first period in beating Nashville.

Scott Darling stopped 42 shots in his post-season debut as Nashville took a franchise-record 54 shots. The Blackhawks' Corey Crawford was pulled after the first period.

Patrick Kane also had two assists in his return after missing 21 games with a broken collarbone.

Game 2 is Friday night in Nashville.

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# RECIPE Potato Rosto with Sunny Side Up Egg and Smoked Salmon

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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A delicious root vegetable patty served with a sunny side up egg and smoked salmon makes a great light dinner served alongside a large tossed salad.

**Ready in**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

**Directions**

**1.** Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.

**2.** Squeeze out all moisture from grated potatoes. Add to bowl along with onion, flour, salt and pepper. Make 6 large potato pancakes on baking pan. Spray with vegetable oil and bake for 20 minutes, turning over after 15 minutes.

**3.** In two large skillets sprayed with vegetable oil, crack 6 whole eggs and cook sunny side up, just until whites are cooked and yolk is still slightly loose.

**4.** Divide yogurt over potato cake, then add smoked salmon and carefully place one egg over each pancake.

**Ingredients**
Serves 6
- 4 cups peeled grated baking potato (approximately 2 – 12 oz potatoes)
- 6 eggs, divided
- ¼ cup grated onion
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- Salt and pepper
- 2 Tbsp plain Greek yogurt
- 2 oz diced smoked salmon

**Nutritional information per serving (1 pancake)**
- Calories 158
- Carbohydrates 14.4 g
- Fibre 1.2 g
- Protein 9 g
- Fat 5 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 200 mg
- Sodium 232 mg

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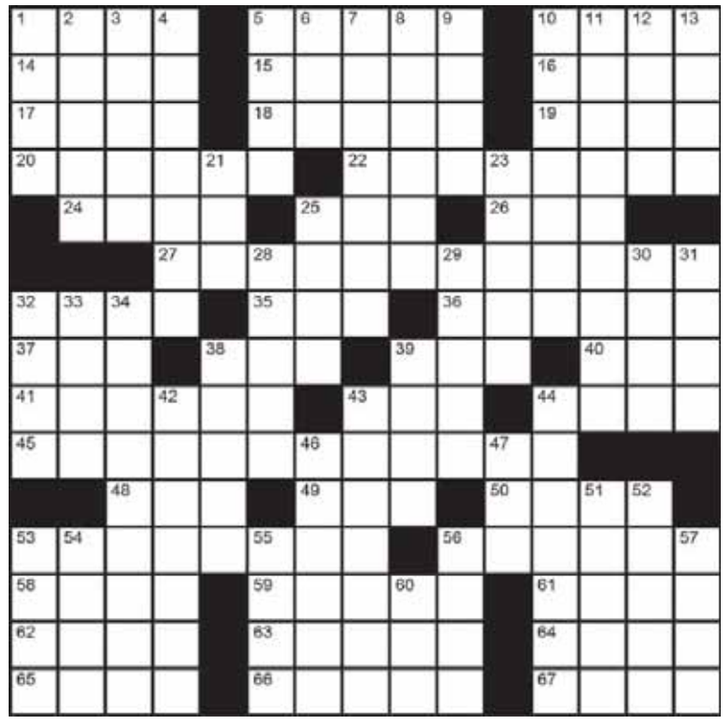
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Stitches-needing reason
5. Chump
10. Plane travel needs [abbr.]
14. Choir voice
15. Leading
16. Canadiens, to NHL fans
17. Vending machine opening
18. Laissez-_
19. Genetic messengers, commonly
20. _ of smoke
22. Formidable frozen formations
24. No, in Munich
25. Tea, in Taboussac
26. Religious robe
27. Newfoundland's insect-eating provincial flower: 2 wds.
32. Answers/fixers of problems, for short
35. Blood-typing letters
36. Magic _ (Mr. Clean product)
37. _ pro nobis (Pray for us, in Latin)
38. Suffix with 'Second'
39. Ms. Babilonia of figure skating
40. Payer's pledge
41. Sleeveless cardigan/jacket alternative
43. Rumer's 2015 DWTS pro partner
44. Ms. Heche
45. Endeavour _ Vents (Marine Protected Area offshore from Vancouver Island)
48. Composer's li'l output
49. Excavated material
50. Home theatre purchases
53. "Where the Sun Don't Shine" Ottawa-born singer, _ Maria
56. Quibbles
58. La _ (Weather-affecting phenomenon in the equatorial Pacific)
59. Wild dog of Australia
61. Old World buffalo
62. Performed perfectly
63. Finished
64. High-pitched barks
65. Put forward an idea
66. Playing marble material, perhaps
67. Ladies

**DOWN**
1. "Egad!" sound interpretation
2. "_ the Family": 2 wds.
3. Shoulder scarf
4. "M*A*S*H" character, '_ _' Houlihan
5. Pretoria, _. _.
6. Steeped beverage
7. Disney animated movie work song
8. Actress Ms. Matlin
9. Ancient concert sites
10. 1975 Ali/Frazier bout nickname, _ in Manila
11. Body of water between Nunavut's Ellesmere Island and Greenland: 2 wds.
12. Alpiner's ascending aid
13. Leaky balloon sounds
21. Tropical cuckoo
23. Calf-length pant
25. Frozen dessert chain [acronym]
28. Psychic fair card
29. Domain
30. City sign's light
31. "_ Blue" by Madonna
32. Student status, shortly
33. '_ _ Plata' (Montana's state motto)
34. Cause that Princess Diana was involved in towards the end of her life
38. "..._ _ of golden daffodils..." - Wordsworth
39. Weight allowance
42. Movement/campaign
43. Porch
44. "Archie, Marry Me" band from Toronto
46. Perfecting
47. Oklahoma city
51. Singer Ms. Washington
52. Slippery _
53. Start to 'sack' (Backpack)
54. Puerto's partner
55. Concept
56. Encrypt
57. Back talk
60. Understand

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
The approaching new moon puts you in the mood to have fun, so make sure you get whatever work you have to do out of the way before the weekend.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
The most important thing now is that you make a serious effort to look on the bright side, no matter what may occur. Sometimes you have a tendency to fear the worst but today, tomorrow and over the weekend it's going to be all good.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
You will find it easier to work with other people today, and they will find it easier to work with you. If there is anything you have fallen out over recently then now is the time to discuss your differences.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Some things are personal and some things are business. Do you know how to tell them apart? Try not to get upset about things that are not aimed at you directly.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
If you have been a bit under the weather of late don't worry about it. In a matter of days you will be back to your best and looking and feeling like a million dollars.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Yes, you have been living beyond your means. Yes, you have been wasting your resources on things you don't really need. But the fact that you can admit that to yourself means there is hope. Be more responsible as from today.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will make new friends over the next few days but you will make an enemy or two as well. Don't let that worry you though as, on balance, you will come out way ahead.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Get a grip on your working routine and make sure you are not doing things for other people that they should be doing for themselves. The approaching new moon will help you get rid of the hangers-on – of which there are plenty!

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to be adventurous and you need to be courageous but most of all you need to truly believe that you have what it takes to be the biggest and the best. Think you can do all that? Then you can do anything. So do it!

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Family matters will be even more important than usual over the next few days and you will have to make allowances for loved ones and relatives who get emotional for no good reason. Unlike you they are lacking in self-control.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to see each and every situation you face as a battle to be won or lost. People are not the enemy, not even those people whose views and opinions you despise. Try talking to them instead of shouting at them today.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Watch what you spend today or tomorrow or you may have nothing left come the weekend, and that would be a shame as the planets suggest there will be a last-minute invitation to a party or a social event you won't want to miss.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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